



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 08 June 2006

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- The Associated Press reports nearly all active-duty military, Guard, and Reserve members — about 2.2 million total — may be at risk for identity theft because their personal information was among those stolen from a Veterans Affairs employee last month. (See item [11](#))
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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 06, U.S. News* — **Florida Gas again issues overage alert due to heat.** Florida Gas Transmission on Tuesday, June 6, issued an overage alert due to low linepack and hot weather forecast for the state, continuing a string of warnings issued in the past few weeks amid heavy heat and humidity. Due to high natural gas demand on the system, the company issued an overage alert at 25 percent tolerance, meaning that shippers must stay within 25 percent of their scheduled volumes, the company said. Alerts, also called critical days, require natural gas shippers to adhere carefully to scheduled quantities to maintain system integrity. An overage alert signals that taking excess quantities off line would be harmful.

Source: [http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006-06-06T144841Z\\_01\\_N06394013\\_RTRUKOC\\_0\\_US-ENERGY-FLORIDAGAS-OVERAGE.xml&archived=False](http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006-06-06T144841Z_01_N06394013_RTRUKOC_0_US-ENERGY-FLORIDAGAS-OVERAGE.xml&archived=False)

2. *June 06, Associated Press* — **Bodman: U.S. can handle oil disruption.** Consumers wouldn't suffer undue hardships in the event Iran disrupts Persian Gulf oil supplies because the Bush administration has a plan "if push were to come to shove," Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said Tuesday, June 6. Bodman said that in such a scenario, the government would tap its emergency oil reserve. He said he doesn't anticipate an oil supply disruption and said he was speaking hypothetically. As to any sharp reduction of Iran oil or a disruption in the supply line, Bodman said, "We certainly can handle it for a while. ... There is the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and we have other approaches." Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said that if his country is punished because of its nuclear program, Tehran is prepared to disrupt the world's oil supply, including production cuts. Khamenei said the U.S. and its allies would be unable to secure oil shipments passing out of the Persian Gulf. Bodman suggested that there seems to be plenty of oil available. He said Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi told him that Saudi Arabia recently cut back production by 100,000 barrel a day "because he isn't finding customers."

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/politics/wire/sns-ap-bodman-iran-oil.0.4415494.story?coll=sns-ap-politics-headlines>

3. *June 06, Boston Business Journal* — **Plans filed for underwater electricity generators off Martha's Vineyard.** Massachusetts Tidal Energy Co. reportedly has filed plans to create an underwater hydroelectric farm off Martha's Vineyard, MA, powered by up to 150 turbines. The firm has applied for a preliminary permit for it from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, several publications on Cape Cod and the islands reported. The Cape and Islands Tidal Energy Hydroelectric Project is designed to produce between 25 and 300 megawatts at any point in time, depending on the strength of underwater tidal currents. A megawatt provides power for approximately 750 homes. Massachusetts Tidal Energy plans to anchor the turbines in waters between 40 feet and 75 feet deep off the southeast Massachusetts coast between Falmouth, MA, and Vineyard Haven, MA.

Source: <http://boston.bizjournals.com/boston/stories/2006/06/05/daily17.html>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

4. *June 08, Chicago Tribune* — **Plant mishap unleashes fumes, sickens workers at neighboring business.** Four people were taken to hospitals after a vegetable oil processing plant mistakenly mixed two chemicals that created a noxious smell that blew into a neighboring business. The incident occurred Monday, June 5, at Agri-Fine Corp. in Chicago. The fumes blew into Andrews Automotive Corp., where four workers were taken to hospitals.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-0606060228jun06.1.7898756.story?coll=chi-newslocalchicago-hed>

5. *June 07, News & Reporter (SC)* — **Plant fire prompts precautionary evacuation.** Fire

fighters spent almost an entire day at the former J.P. Stevens No. 3 Mill in Great Falls, SC, Tuesday, June 6, due to a fire. A company called CBCL is currently located at the mill. Chester County rescue personnel began calling for an evacuation in the Great Falls area around noon because of a fire that began early Tuesday morning and had not been contained as of 4 p.m. EDT. The reason for concern: Pallets are made at the plant, but there are also PVC pipe shavings there. If those pipe shavings were burned, it would contain toxic chemicals.

Source: <http://www.onlinechester.com/articles/2006/06/07/headlines/news1.txt>

6. *June 07, Freedom Newspapers (NM)* — **Ammonia leak prompts road closure in New Mexico.** The DairiConcepts plant west of Portales, NM, was evacuated Tuesday morning, June 6, for about an hour, and two plant employees were treated at the Roosevelt General Hospital after an accidental release of ammonia. Tuesday morning, approximately 8,000 pounds of ammonia gas was accidentally released into the atmosphere. Portales Fire Department Battalion Chief John Bridges said firefighters, with the help of plant engineers, were able to stop the ammonia leak by shutting off a valve. Bridges said the area around the plant was secured and Roosevelt Road 6 was closed.

Source: <http://www.clovis-news-nm.com/engine.pl?station=clovis&template=storyfull.html&id=20273>

7. *June 07, Orlando Sentinel (FL)* — **Chlorine leak at plant forces evacuations in Florida.** A hazardous materials team controlled a chlorine leak at a DeBary, FL, water treatment plant, officials said this Wednesday morning, June 7. Four homes in the immediate area surrounding the facility were evacuated to create an extra buffer of safety.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/volusia/orl-bk-leak060706.0,3063034.story?coll=orl-home-headlines>

8. *June 07, KSAT 12 (TX)* — **Chemical leak in swimming pool sickens 24 children.** A chlorine leak was blamed for sickening 24 children who were swimming in a northeast Bexar County, TX, homeowners association swimming pool Tuesday night, June 6. Two of the kids were transported to Northeast Baptist Hospital for observation, although their injuries were not considered serious. The rest of the children were treated at the scene and released. Converse Fire Department officials said they suspect some chlorine leaked out of a pump after a pool employee didn't follow proper procedures.

Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/9333411/detail.html>

9. *June 06, KOAT 7 (NM)* — **Chemical cloud prompts neighborhood evacuation.** Several neighborhoods in Farmington, NM, were evacuated following a chemical cloud released from Halliburton Energy Services overnight Tuesday, June 6. Because of the danger, neighborhoods around that area were evacuated for several hours.

Source: <http://www.koat.com/news/9330725/detail.html?rss=alb&psp=news>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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*June 06, GovExec* — **Robotics seen as growth area for DoD.** The Department of Defense (DoD) is working to advance scientific efforts on robotics, but technology may be outpacing policy before it is even crafted, panelists said Monday, June 5. "Policy and procedure need to catch up with technology," said Stephen Welby, a tactical technology officer for the Defense Advance Research Projects Agency. Although U.S. military efforts have greatly considered fusion with modern robotics technology, there are fundamental challenges — like securing adequate funding. They also noted that robotics can aid U.S. troops in military maneuvers. The terrain in the Middle East presents a problem to troops, but robotics can take them further out of harm's way. Welby noted that robots have "the ability to do things beyond human capability." Competition with uncertainty may be the second largest factor dampening the robotics movement. And while the majority of robotics investments are in the industrial sector, possible programs at the Pentagon hope to realize the need for robotics in the U.S. military.  
Source: [http://govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=34254&dcn=todays\\_news](http://govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34254&dcn=todays_news)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

### **11. *June 07, Associated Press* — Data on 2.2 million active troops stolen from Veterans Affairs.**

Nearly all active-duty military, Guard, and Reserve members — about 2.2 million total — may be at risk for identity theft because their personal information was among those stolen from a Veterans Affairs (VA) employee last month. In a new disclosure Tuesday, June 6, Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson said the agency was mistaken when it previously said that up to 50,000 Navy and National Guard personnel were among the 26.5 million veterans whose names, birthdates, and Social Security numbers were stolen on May 3. The number is actually much higher because the VA realized it had records on file for most active-duty personnel because they are eligible to receive VA benefits such as GI Bill educational assistance and the home loan guarantee program. Nicholson said the VA's latest review found the data included 1.1 million active-duty personnel from all the armed forces, along with 430,000 National Guard members, and 645,000 Reserves members. There have been no reports of identity theft as a result of the incident. Maryland authorities are offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the return of the Hewlett Packard Laptop model zv5360us or HP external personal media drive. Call 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) with leads.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/24hour/nation/story/3303920p-12172013c.html>

### **12. *June 07, Finextra* — Chinatrust Commercial Bank launches PayPass-enabled wrist watch.**

Ahead of the World Cup in Germany, Taiwan's Chinatrust Commercial Bank (CCB) has launched a football-themed wrist watch featuring MasterCard's PayPass contactless payment technology. The watch is being issued by CCB as a companion device to its MasterCard credit cards. The limited edition Laks SmartTransaction watch is equipped with MasterCard's RFID PayPass technology and enables customers to pay for purchases under US\$25 at participating merchants by tapping a PayPass-enabled terminal. Laks CEO, Lucas Scheybal, says: "To obtain compliance with MasterCard PayPass specifications, we built high security specifications into an analog watch."

Source: <http://finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=15406>

13.

*June 06, Associated Press* — **Personal information goes missing for people taking state test.**

New Jersey personnel officials have alerted law enforcement that pages with personal information went missing from a test-taking site for people seeking state and local law enforcement jobs. The missing information involved names and Social Security numbers for 1,200 law enforcement candidates, state Personnel Commissioner Rolando Torres Jr. said Tuesday, June 6. The information was on 12 pages that disappeared Saturday, June 3, from the desk of a Personnel Department staff member working at East Orange High School in New York, where law enforcement candidates were preparing to take the Law Enforcement Entry-Level Examination. "We believe that the information was not taken intentionally and, therefore, do not believe it will be used inappropriately," Torres said. Those whose information was missing would be notified.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--missingrecords0606jun06,0.361234.story>

14. *June 06, TechWeb* — **Cleaning up data breach costs more than encryption.** Protecting customer records is a much less expensive than paying for cleanup after a data breach or massive records loss, research company Gartner said. Gartner analyst Avivah Litan testified on identity theft at a Senate hearing held after the Department of Veterans Affairs lost 26.5 million vet identities. "A company with at least 10,000 accounts to protect can spend, in the first year, as little as \$6 per customer account for just data encryption, or as much as \$16 per customer account for data encryption, host-based intrusion prevention, and strong security audits combined," Litan said. "Compare [that] with an expenditure of at least \$90 per customer account when data is compromised or exposed during a breach," she added. Litan recommended encryption as the first step enterprises and government agencies should take to protect customer/citizen data. If that's not feasible, organizations should deploy host-based intrusion prevention systems, she said, and/or conduct security audits to validate that the company or agency has satisfactory controls in place.

Source: <http://www.techweb.com/wire/security/188702019;jsessionid=BPFE2HSP35ZUEQSNDBOCKICCCJUMKJVN>

15. *June 06, Government Computer News* — **IRS missing laptop with employee data.** The IRS said that one of its laptops containing data about 291 IRS employees and job applicants went missing in early May when it was lost in transit to an agency event. The information contained on the laptop included fingerprints, names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers for the 291 individuals. "No electronic tax records or financial information was on the missing computer," said IRS spokesperson Terry Lemons. The employee data was not encrypted, but the information was secured by a double password system. "When IRS employees in the field handle taxpayer data, that information is encrypted," Lemons said. The case is under review by IRS' inspector general. IRS has been calling the individuals to alert them about the missing data and is sending them a letter to inform them and urge them to keep an eye out for improper or suspicious activity. IRS has no evidence that information was stolen or used.

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/online/vol1\\_no1/40966-1.html?topic=security](http://www.gcn.com/online/vol1_no1/40966-1.html?topic=security)

16. *June 06, MosNews* — **Russian Central Bank warns of "ballet ticket" counterfeit bills.**

Scammers have designed counterfeit Russian ruble banknotes that have "Ballet Ticket" printed where "Bank of Russia" should be, the Russian Central Bank reports. According to Interfax, the bills, with a face value of 1,000 rubles (approximately \$35), appeared in the Nizhny Novgorod



region. The counterfeit notes are printed on good paper with water marks, all have II II 888888 as the serial number, and are a bit paler than authentic currency. Moreover, where regular notes have “one thousand rubles” and “Bank of Russia” printed, the false ones have “One thousand bubbles” and “Ballet Ticket”.

Source: <http://www.mosnews.com/news/2006/06/06/ballettickets.shtml>

17. *June 06, 9 News (CO)* — **Nearly 250 patients exposed to identity theft.** Confidential files of 247 patients and 40 employees were stolen from a car belonging to a supervisor at a mental health hospital at Fort Logan in Colorado. The files contained information that included social security numbers, names, genders, dates of birth, addresses, and some treatment plans. The supervisor says he took the files home to work on them and someone broke into his car and took his briefcase on Friday, April 21. Letters were sent out to the 247 patients Tuesday, June 6, alerting them about the possibility of identity theft.

Source: [http://www.9news.com/acm\\_news.aspx?OSGNAME=KUSA&IKOBJECTID=abd50895-0abe-421a-01bb-3ae3759f9837&TEMPLATEID=0c76dce6-ac1f-02d8-0047-c589c01ca7bf](http://www.9news.com/acm_news.aspx?OSGNAME=KUSA&IKOBJECTID=abd50895-0abe-421a-01bb-3ae3759f9837&TEMPLATEID=0c76dce6-ac1f-02d8-0047-c589c01ca7bf)

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

18. *June 07, Beacon Journal (OH)* — **Two boys taken into custody in connection with a CSX train derailment.** According to police, information developed by burglary detectives led to the arrests. Police said the two boy, 16 and 17, both of Akron, OH, have admitted to placing a railroad tie on the tracks, causing the derailment of a CSX train carrying coal in Akron near the Barberton line on May 8. When the train struck the railroad tie, its 103 rail cars and both locomotives jumped the track, spilling tons of coal. The train was traveling from Chicago to Brunswick, MD. The boys also admitted to an earlier act of vandalism against the railroad.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/14754159.htm>

19. *June 07, Reuters* — **Airlines should team up to buy fuel, IATA told.** Global airlines should consider collective fuel buying to save money, Malaysian Airline System Chief Executive Idris Jala said on Tuesday, June 6, and called on trade body International Air Transport Association (IATA) to study the idea. "I suggest IATA put together a little group, a fuel-buying house," Jala, formerly an executive with oil giant Royal Dutch Shell, said during a panel discussion at IATA's annual meeting in Paris. "If you pool together, you get volume discounts," he said. But Giovanni Bisignani, chief executive of the IATA, which represents 261 airlines accounting for 94 percent of scheduled international air traffic, told Reuters the idea faced stiff anti-trust barriers. Jala, who is spearheading deep cost-cutting measures at Malaysian including slashing staff and domestic routes, noted the airline would have turned in record profits in 2005 if jet fuel had stayed at 2004 levels, but instead posted a record loss. Mexicana President Emilio Romano told the IATA meeting his airline's weight reduction efforts to save fuel had included lighter carpets, less water in the toilets, and even fewer ice cubes on its planes.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-06-06-collective-fuel-bargaining\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-06-06-collective-fuel-bargaining_x.htm)

20. *June 07, Market Wire* — **BNSF Railway asks for cooperation to keep America's rail system safe.** BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) is recruiting rail fans to help keep BNSF properties safe by reporting suspicious activities and to help prevent possible security breaches. "Keeping America's rail transportation network safe from crime and terrorist activity is a high priority for the railroad industry," says William Heileman, BNSF general director, Police and Protection Solutions. Rail fans can register for the program by going to the Citizens United for Rail Security (CRS) Website. To report suspicious activity, CRS members and the public can call (800) 832-5452. The information will be taken by a BNSF representative and routed for appropriate response. A subsidiary of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, BNSF Railway Company operates one of the largest railroad networks in North America, with about 32,000 route miles in 28 states and two Canadian provinces.  
CRS Website <http://newdomino.bnsf.com/website/crs.nsf/request?open>  
Source: [http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release\\_html\\_b1?release\\_id=133937](http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release_html_b1?release_id=133937)

21. *June 06, Associated Press* — **Northwest flight attendants reject cuts.** Northwest Airlines Corp. flight attendants rejected a pay cut package on Tuesday, June 6, setting up a possible showdown with the nation's fifth-largest carrier. The Professional Flight Attendants Association said 80 percent of its members voted against the deal. Northwest has been seeking savings worth \$195 million a year from flight attendants as part of \$1.4 billion in concessions from all its workers. Most workers have approved concessions. The other holdouts are baggage handlers and ramp workers, who are voting through this week on their own concessions. Their ballots will be counted on Friday, June 9. The rejection is a setback for Northwest's reorganization efforts. That's because none of its new union contracts take effect until they all do. That means that provisions in the ratified pilot contract allowing Northwest to start a regional jet subsidiary are on hold, along with plans to restructure how ground operations are handled outside Northwest's hubs. Northwest has a history of labor troubles. When mechanics struck in August, Northwest kept flying and eventually hired permanent replacements. Its pilots struck in 1998.  
Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060606/northwest\\_flight\\_attendants.html?v=7](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060606/northwest_flight_attendants.html?v=7)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *June 07, Associated Press* — **UPS and Rolls-Royce sign agreement.** Rolls-Royce North America Inc., a maker of aircraft engines, said Tuesday, June 6, it signed an engine services agreement with United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS), the world's largest package delivery company. Rolls-Royce North America, which is the North American subsidiary of London-based Rolls-Royce PLC, said it will support the engines for UPS' 40 RB211-535 powered Boeing 757 aircraft for 15 years. Services in the contract include engine fleet management, inventory management, and repair and overhaul, among others.  
Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060606/ups\\_contract.html?v=2](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060606/ups_contract.html?v=2)

23. *June 07, Sentinel (NJ)* — **Anthrax drill is a first for the East Coast area.** Middlesex County tested its bioterrorism response procedures on Wednesday, June 7, with an anthrax drill scheduled at an Edison, NJ, U.S. Postal Service facility, the Kilmer Processing and Distribution Center. Under scrutiny are both the postal service's Biohazard Detection System (BDS)

equipment and the Middlesex County Public Health Department BDS Plan, which department Director David A. Papi said incorporates local, county, state, and federal agencies. The completely automated equipment works by collecting air samples of incoming mail and converting these particles to a liquid state, according to a BDS fact sheet. Participating Edison agencies include the fire, health, and police departments, as well as the Office of Emergency Management. The Middlesex simulation is the first of its scale to be hosted on the East Coast and the second nationwide. Papi said the intergovernmental collaboration includes about 500 participants, of which about 200 "represent response agency personnel."

Source: [http://ems.gmnews.com/news/2006/0607/Front\\_Page/003.html](http://ems.gmnews.com/news/2006/0607/Front_Page/003.html)

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## **Agriculture Sector**

24. *June 07, Lakeland Ledger (FL)* — **Quarantine hits citrus shipments.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will impose a statewide canker quarantine that will ban all shipments of fresh Florida citrus to other citrus-producing states, including California, one of the industry's largest domestic markets. The proposed interim regulation, which will take effect by the beginning of the new Florida citrus harvest in October, also will affect what fruit can be shipped to noncitrus states. The rule will prohibit any fresh shipments from groves that have not been canker-free for at least two years and will require that groves providing fresh citrus be inspected for canker no later than 30 days before harvest. The new regulation could put at least one major Florida packinghouse out of business. "It will probably close me down," said Stuart Arost, the president of Emerald Packing Co. Inc., which ships more than one million cartons of fresh citrus annually — 30 to 40 percent of that to California. The action will affect other packinghouses that don't ship as heavily to California because the USDA "really restricted the markets available, and there will be a real fight over the markets remaining," Arost said.

Source: <http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060607/NEWS/606070424/1039>

25. *June 06, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Test can detect soybean rust in leaf tissue before spores form.** Researchers have shown that the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay can detect the presence of Asian soybean rust in soybean leaves within six days of infection. The results of the study demonstrated the reliability of the PCR assay to detect the presence of the *Phakopsora pachyrhizi* pathogen using DNA from soybean leaves within six days of infection in multiple laboratory tests. Currently, scientists have had to obtain and use the fungal spore structures, usually in quantities of 100 or more at a time, to definitively identify and diagnose Asian soybean rust. "The entire soybean industry is going to benefit from this study," said James Stack, a plant pathology professor at Kansas State University. "Without using PCR, you have to wait as many as nine days to see the spores. Then a diagnostic must be done before an applicator can be called in to apply a fungicide spray to the soybean field. During that time, the disease is still increasing, and its opportunity to spread increases too." The study was conducted across the U.S. and involved scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the University of Tennessee, Cornell University, Kansas State University, Michigan State University, and the University of Florida.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=837>



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## **Food Sector**

- 26. June 06, Food Safety and Inspection Service — Food safety practices critical part of hurricane awareness.** As the 2006 hurricane season approaches, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service Tuesday, June 6, announced the availability of a comprehensive collection of useful tips and answers to food safety questions for Americans living in hurricane-prone states. The guide provides information and recommendations about keeping food safe during times of power outages and flooding. The guide provides specific food safety recommendations on what to do before, during and after tropical storms and hurricanes. For example, it includes recommendations for sanitizing kitchen items that may have come into contact with flood waters, which often carry bacteria and parasites that can trigger severe illnesses in people. The guidelines also include recommendations about what to do with food stored in refrigerators and freezers. Given the length of time it takes for electricity to be restored to homes following a storm event, foods that need refrigeration to remain safe may in fact become unsafe due to conditions that allow the growth of disease causing bacteria. A Consumer's Guide to Food Safety: Severe Storms and Hurricanes:  
[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Severe Storms and Hurricanes Guide.pdf](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Severe_Storms_and_Hurricanes_Guide.pdf)  
Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/NR\\_060606\\_01/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/NR_060606_01/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

- 27. June 06, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — New guidance to help small drinking water systems identify affordable treatment options.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a new guidance document to help small drinking water systems provide safe and affordable drinking water to their customers. Cost can be a serious impediment for very small systems planning to install expensive centralized contaminant-removal equipment. The guidance document provides operators and water officials with valuable information about treatment devices that can be installed at a consumer's tap (Point of Use) or on the water line to a consumer's home or building (Point of Entry). The guidance describes pertinent requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and current Federal regulations. It also contains a summary of individual state requirements and a collection of case studies that illustrate how small systems have implemented these treatment options in the past. Owners and operators of small drinking water systems will find the guidance useful during the planning stage, including pilot testing, public education, and operation. Maintenance and other implementation issues are also covered. Point-of-Use or Point-of-Entry Treatment Options for Small Drinking Water Systems:  
[http://epa.gov/safewater/smallsys/pdfs/guide\\_smallsystems po u-poe\\_june6-2006.pdf](http://epa.gov/safewater/smallsys/pdfs/guide_smallsystems_po_u-poe_june6-2006.pdf)  
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/27166bca9a9490ee852570180055e350/d51c1b6d262e56ad8525718500635ec1!OpenDocument>

- 28. June 05, Xinhua (China) — Beijing warned of 2008 water shortage.** Beijing, China, residents are being warned to start taking action to save water or face a massive shortage of 1.1 billion

cubic meters by 2008. The estimate of the shortage was based on the city's current water consumption and efficiency levels, said Ma Weifang with the city's sustainable development promotion committee. The city's annual per capita reserve stands at about 300 cubic meters, while an acute shortage is generally deemed to be 1,000 cubic meters or less. Last year, the city consumed 3.45 billion cubic meters of water, of which 2.67 billion cubic meters was ground water and 260 million was recycled. Only 35 percent of the recycled water was used effectively, which was both worrying and encouraging for further efficiencies, Ma said.

Source: [http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2006-06/05/content\\_608163.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2006-06/05/content_608163.htm)

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## **Public Health Sector**

29. *June 07, Agence France–Presse* — **Myanmar detects first polio case in six years.** An 18-month-old boy in central Myanmar has been diagnosed with polio, the first case detected in the military-ruled country in six years, an official has said. "We found one case on May 23," the health ministry official in the government's new administrative capital Naypyidaw, outside the town of Pyinmana in central Myanmar, said Wednesday, June 7. The government plans to conduct three national immunizations days over the next three months to step up its polio prevention campaign, the official said.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060607/hl\\_afp/healthmyanmarpolio\\_060607121626;\\_ylt=AoUJyOSQexIY2djUmzFqw36JOrgF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060607/hl_afp/healthmyanmarpolio_060607121626;_ylt=AoUJyOSQexIY2djUmzFqw36JOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--)

30. *June 07, Reuters* — **World Bank, European Union agree on new bird flu fund.** The World Bank and European Commission have established a new \$70 million trust fund to help countries prepare for a possible outbreak of bird flu. They said the Avian and Human Influenza Facility will provide grant handouts for countries in Central Asia, South and East Asia, Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Source: [http://today.reuters.com/investing/financeArticle.aspx?type=bondsNews&storyID=2006-06-07T150022Z\\_01\\_WAT005754\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_BIRDFLU-WORLDBANK-URGENT.XML](http://today.reuters.com/investing/financeArticle.aspx?type=bondsNews&storyID=2006-06-07T150022Z_01_WAT005754_RTRIDST_0_BIRDFLU-WORLDBANK-URGENT.XML)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

31. *June 06, GovExec* — **Coast Guard chief: Disaster plan needs avian flu provisions.** A list of emergency responsibilities included in the federal government's recently revamped plan for responding to disasters is in need of further evaluation, the Coast Guard's new chief said

Tuesday, June 6. Commandant Adm. Thad Allen said the 17 critical "emergency support functions" outlined in the National Response Plan — the blueprint for how federal, state and local governments will respond to disasters — fail to fully cover the possibility of a pandemic flu outbreak. The Department of Homeland Security updated that plan on May 25, just in time for the June 1 start of the new hurricane season. The plan's emergency functions section delegates first aid to the American Red Cross and general medical and health issues to the Department of Health and Human Services. But the section doesn't specifically address vaccination, Allen said in a speech at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's higher education conference in Emmitsburg, MD.

Updated National Response Plan: [http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial\\_0566.xml](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml)

Source: [http://govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=34252&dcn=todays\\_news](http://govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34252&dcn=todays_news)

32. *June 04, Alaska Journal of Commerce* — **Businesses help link first-responders in Alaska.** A new \$151 million emergency communication system developed in an agreement between local, state and federal agencies has kept Alaskan businesses busy developing one of the first systems like it in the United States. "This is quite a historic and monumental achievement that is a cooperative partnership," said Tim Woodall, a project manager for the Department of Defense (DoD). The Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) is meant to provide a common communication link for public safety first-responders, whether they be from local, state or federal agencies. The ALMR system became functional in 2005 with the military, and now has about 9,000 entities on the system. The statewide system will initially exist along the highway corridors of the Seward, Glenn, Parks and Richardson highways and eventually will cover Southeast Alaska and Kodiak Island. More than 30 Alaska vendors are involved in the system, initially developed by the DoD.

Source: [http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/060406/loc\\_20060604006.shtml](http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/060406/loc_20060604006.shtml)

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

33. *June 07, IDG News Service* — **Man pays \$2,000 for Google AdWord misuse.** A New Hampshire man has agreed to pay \$2,000 to settle charges that he misused Microsoft's name to trick consumers into buying ineffective anti-spyware products, using Google's AdWords program. Seth Traub, of Portsmouth, NH, is the third person to settle a lawsuit filed in January by Microsoft and the Washington State Attorney General's office. The suit alleges that software vendor Secure Computer sold an anti-spyware product that not only fails to remove spyware as advertised, but actually makes users' computers less secure.

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/06/06/07/79015\\_HNgooglemisuse\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/06/06/07/79015_HNgooglemisuse_1.html)

34. *June 06, Secunia* — **Netscape file upload form keystroke event cancel vulnerability.** Netscape file upload form vulnerability is susceptible to entice users into disclosing sensitive information. Analysis: A vulnerability has been reported in Netscape which can be exploited by malicious people to trick users into disclosing sensitive information.

Vulnerable software: Netscape 8.x.

Solution: Disable JavaScript support. Do not enter suspicious text when visiting untrusted Websites.

Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/20470/>

35. *June 06, Reuters* — **World Cup to kick start mobile TV: report.** The soccer World Cup in Germany will provide the catalyst for TV services on mobile phones to start taking off, but real growth will occur over the next five years, according to an industry report. Informa Telecoms & Media predicted some 210 million mobile TV subscribers worldwide by 2011, with the Asia-Pacific region leading the way with 95.1 million subscribers, followed by Europe at 68.7 million. Analysts at Informa forecast a "hockey stick" curve in the demand for mobile TV, with initial take up likely to be steady before climbing rapidly.

Report summary: <http://www.informatm.com/itmgcontent/icom/s/sectors/handset-s-devices/20017355381.html;jsessionid=7052978FD67D51EF5EA4050D65845870>

Full report due out at the end of June. For advanced information:

[http://shop.informatm.com/marlin/30000000861/MARKT\\_EFFORT/marketingid/20001235585](http://shop.informatm.com/marlin/30000000861/MARKT_EFFORT/marketingid/20001235585)

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36. *June 06, Tech Web* — **IE And Firefox sport new zero-day flaw.** Multiple security organizations warned Tuesday, June 6, that Internet Explorer, Firefox, Mozilla, and SeaMonkey — on Windows, Linux, and the Mac — are vulnerable to a JavaScript bug that could allow a determined attacker to dupe users into giving up sensitive personal information such as credit card or bank account numbers and passwords. According to Symantec, which issued an alert late afternoon Tuesday, all versions of the Microsoft and Mozilla browsers could be used to harvest data through a JavaScript key-filtering vulnerability. Symantec advised users to avoid unfamiliar Web neighborhoods and/or disable scripting or active content capabilities of the affected browsers.

Security Focus Advisory: <http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/18308/discuss>

Source: [http://www.techweb.com/wire/security/188702202;jsessionid=NU\\_RZS4ZGOEM0CQSNDBCCKH0CJUMKJVN](http://www.techweb.com/wire/security/188702202;jsessionid=NU_RZS4ZGOEM0CQSNDBCCKH0CJUMKJVN)

37. *June 06, Tech Web* — **Report shows three futures for telecom.** Wireless, Internet and phone networks around the world will generate nearly \$1.2 trillion in revenue this year, but the revenue picture could change entirely within five years. One of the three networks could dominate the others, according to a new market analysis report from Insight Research. The study examines three scenarios for telecommunications revenue and subscriber growth. The report projects revenue and subscriber growth for three separate scenarios. In the first, all three networks continue evolving along current trajectories. The other two possibilities are that the Internet or wireless networks dominate all others.

Report summary and excerpts (full report available for purchase):

<http://www.insight-corp.com/reports/futuretel.asp>

Executive summary (registration required):

<http://www.insight-corp.com/sendexec.asp?report=futuretel&ReportName=The%20Future%20of%20Telecommunications>

Source: <http://www.techweb.com/wire/networking/188702137;jsessionid=LN4IRZHG3ZCQSNDBCCKH0CJUMKJVN>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

### DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

**Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.**

**US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis:** US-CERT is aware of a buffer overflow vulnerability in Symantec Client Security and Symantec Antivirus Corporate Edition. Successful exploitation may allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code with SYSTEM privileges. We are not aware of any public exploits at this time. For more information please review the following:

**VU#404910** – Symantec products vulnerable to buffer overflow:

<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/4049100>

**Symantec Advisory SYM06-010** – Symantec Client Security and Symantec AntiVirus Elevation of Privilege:

<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/security/Content/2006.05.25.html>

US-CERT will advise as more information becomes available.

### Active Exploitation of a Vulnerability in Microsoft Word

US-CERT is aware of an increase in activity attempting to exploit a vulnerability in Microsoft Word. The exploit is disguised as an email attachment containing a Microsoft Word document. When the document is opened, malicious code is installed on the user's machine. More information about the reported vulnerability can be found in the following:

**TRA06-139A** – Microsoft Word Vulnerability:

<http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA06-139A.html>

**VU#446012** – Microsoft Word buffer overflow:

<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/446012>

Review the workarounds described in Microsoft Security Advisory 919637:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/919637.mspx>

US-CERT strongly encourages users not to open unfamiliar or unexpected email attachments, even if sent by a known and trusted source. US-CERT will continue to update current activity as more information becomes available.

### PHISHING SCAMS

US-CERT continues to receive reports of phishing scams that target online users and Federal government web sites. US-CERT encourages users to report phishing incidents based on the following guidelines:



Federal Agencies should report phishing incidents to US-CERT.

[http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report\\_phishing.html](http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report_phishing.html)

Non-federal agencies and other users should report phishing incidents to Federal Trade Commissions OnGuard Online. <http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html>

#### Current Port Attacks

<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	1026 (win-rpc), 6881 (bittorrent), 445 (microsoft-ds), 25 (smtp), 4672 (eMule), 32788 (----), 135 (epmap), 3724 (----), 80 (www), 113 (auth)
	Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Website: [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov).

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

- 38. *June 07, Associated Press* — LAPD: California school shooting gang-related.** A 17-year-old fatally shot in his high school's parking lot was killed in a fight for his brother's diamond-studded cross necklace, his family said. The gunman, who police believe belongs to a gang, remained at large. Agustin Contreras, a junior at Venice High School, died shortly after school let out Monday afternoon. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers said Contreras had gone to the aid of two brothers, who were fighting with at least five young men. Worried about retaliatory attacks, police and community leaders called for calm and organized community meetings. Some activists said the killing could cause an escalation in tensions as Hispanic gangs seek payback. Police said the assailants were black, while the victim was Hispanic.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/06/07/lapd\\_calif\\_school\\_shooting\\_gang\\_related/](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/06/07/lapd_calif_school_shooting_gang_related/)

- 39. *June 06, Herald-Sun (NC)* — Military weapons reported found under a house.** Durham, NC, police were investigating a report of military weapons under a house in Midland Terrace late Tuesday night, June 6, according to police spokesperson Kammie Michael. A contractor working on a rental house found two items that appeared to be lightweight anti-tank weapons in a crawl space under the house around 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday. "I don't know if [the weapons] are active or not," said Lt. N.A. Miller. Police evacuated residences in the immediate vicinity. Officers from the Durham County Sheriff's Bomb Squad and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also came to the scene. Members of the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Bragg were expected to arrive overnight to examine and dispose of the weapons.

Source: <http://www.heraldsun.com/durham/4-741890.html>

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## **General Sector**

Nothing to report.

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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US–CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web page at [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov).

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